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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In re application of :
Ronen Sander et al. : Group Art Unit: 1616
Serial No.: 09/581,847 : Examiner: J. Pak
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For: METHOD AND COMPOSITION FOR COMBATTING INSECTS AND VIRUSES
TRANSMITTED TO PLANTS THEREBY

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed September 4, 2001, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Amend claims 22, 23 and 29 to read as follows (a marked up version of the amended claims is in an appendix attached hereto):

22. (Amended) A method for protecting a growing plant from insects and from insect-transmitted plant viruses, which comprises applying to at least one surface of the growing plant, a composition comprising at least one interference pigment whereby said composition is effective to repel said insects and thus protect the plant, wherein said interference pigment is selected from the group consisting of:

- a mica coated with TiO_2 ;
- a mica coated with Fe_2O_3 ;